AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for treatment of constipation comprising a substantially horizontal bar supported by a suspension means constructed and arranged to suspend said bar when in use with a toilet and suspended a sufficient distance above a the toilet to allow enable a person when using said toilet to passively semi-hang from said bar.
 - 2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for treatment of constipation comprising a substantially horizontal bar supported by a suspension means constructed and arranged to suspend said bar when in use with a toilet a sufficient distance above the toilet to enable a person when using said toilet to passively semi-hang from said bar. An apparatus in accordance claim 1 wherein said suspension means is a free-standing base having four two downwardly extending legs and two support members.
 - 3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 2 wherein said base comprises:
 - a cross-bar including two ends and having attached at a substantially right angle to each end one of said two ends thereof respectively a downwardly extending one leg of said two downwardly extending legs, each said one leg having a lower end constructed and arranged for contacting and positioning on a surface, and

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said two support members each being a downwardly extending support member attached to an upper end of each respectively one of said two leg legs by a sleeve, each said support member having a lower end adapted to contact said surface,

wherein each said leg <u>and each said support member</u> together <u>is are</u> said suspension means.

- 4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 3 wherein said horizontal bar having two ends includes at each end of said two ends thereof a section of pipe attached at a right angle to said horizontal bar, each said section of pipe adapted to slidably circumpose a respective said leg.
- 5. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 3 wherein the length of each said leg and each said support member is adjustable.
- 6. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim
 3 wherein each said sleeve comprises a pathway for receiving
 an upper end of a respective said support member and a
 cylinder adjacent thereto for receiving an upper end of a
 respective said/leg,

wherein said support member is hingedly affixed to said sleeve.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claims claim 5 wherein said lower end of each said

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support member includes a suction cup for securing each said support member to a surface.

- 8. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim
 3 wherein said lower end of each said leg comprises a nonskid foot hingedly attached thereto.
- 9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for treatment of constipation comprising:

a cross-bar having two ends and having attached at a substantially right angle to each end of said two ends thereof a downwardly extending leg,

a downwardly extending support member hingedly attached to an upper end of each said leg, and

a horizontal bar having two ends, said horizontal bar being connected at each end of said two ends thereof to a respective said leg, at a point on said leg so that said horizontal bar when in use in relation to supported a sufficient distance above a toilet to allow enables a person using said toilet to passively semi-hang from said cross-bar horizontal bar.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 9 wherein said horizontal bar includes at each end of said two ends thereof a section of pipe attached at a right angle to said horizontal bar, each said section of pipe adapted to slidably circumpose a respective said leg.

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11. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 9 wherein the length of each said leg and each said support member is adjustable.

Claims 12-22 (Canceled).